

(GOVERNMENT HEARINGS BEGINS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. JULY 15 (UPI) ---AT THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON THE COVENANT IN WASHINGTON MONDAY (JULY 14), THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAJOR SUFFICE, REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIP SWANSON AND HIS SURCOMMITTEE OF TERRITORIAL AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, ADDED TWO NEW SECTIONS TO A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONTAINING THE COVENANT.

THE FIRST SECTION, IF APPROVED, WOULD AUTHORIZED AND APPROPRIATED "SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING FULL PAYMENT OF 'ONE CLINE WIDE TITLE VI OF THE NICKONESIAN CLAIMS ACT.' THIS PROVISION WOULD PERTAIN TO ALL THE DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SECOND CHANGE AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND TO PUEBLO RICO, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AND THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GRANTS, LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES OR OTHER ASSISTANCE NOW PROVIDED TO THE 50 STATES.

SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THIS PROVISION MAY MEET SOME OPPOSITION IN THE FULL COMMITTEE OF FROM THE FULL HOUSE SHOULD THE HEADS REACH THE FLOOR INTACT AND THAT SLOW DOWN OR HINDER THE PASSAGE OF THE COVENANT.

OTHERS POINT OUT THAT THESE CHANGES COULD BE ELIMINATED BY AMENDMENTS AT ANYTIME.

AS FOR THE COVENANT ITSELF, NO OPPOSITION WITNESSES APPEARED, BUT THIRTEEN SPOKE ON ITS BEHALF. THREE WERE ONLY PLAISES FOR THE COVENANT AND IT SUPPORTERS, ESPECIALLY

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